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SUBJECT: ISRAELI ATTITUDE RE EGYPTIAN AID OFFER TO SINAI FLOOD VICTIMS

REF: CAIRO 2361

1. ISRAELI EMBASSY HAS VOLUNTEERED FOLLOWING TO US, BASED ON GUIDANCE FROM JERUSALEM:

A. RELAY BY INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS TO ISRAELIS OF EGYPTIAN OFFER DID NOT SUGGEST THAT EGYPT HAD IN MIND LONG-TERM REHABILITATION OF SINAI FLOOD VICTIMS, AS OPPOSED TO EMERGENCY RELIEF.

B. THERE WAS NO OBJECTIVE NEED, IN ANY EVENT, FOR ADDI-
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TIONAL AID BECAUSE ISRAEL WAS SUPPLYING EVERYTHING RE-

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QUIRED.

C. IF RED CROSS NEVERTHELESS THOUGHT ANYTHING MORE WAS NEEDED, ISRAEL WOULD WELCOME ANY SUPPLIES RED CROSS WANTED TO EXTEND, BUT NOT FROM EGYPT.

2. WE ASKED ISRAELI EMBOFF IF HIS GUIDANCE EXPLAINED REASON WHY SUPPLIES FROM EGYPT WERE PRECLUDED. HE SAID NO,

BUT HE ASSUMED IT WAS BECAUSE EGYPT WAS MAKING PROPAGANDA OUT OF WHOLE BUSINESS AND FALSELY ASSERTING ISRAELI OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES WERE DOING NOTHING FOR VICTIMS. HE NOTED ISRAEL DID NOT WANT TO ENGAGE IN PROPAGANDA DUEL ON EVE OF SECRETARY'S VISIT AND HAD NOT PUBLICIZED THIS MATTER, AND HE VOICED SOME SURPRISE AT TIMING OF EGYPTIAN PUBLICITY.
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